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PMO has constituted a National Council of India's Nutrition Challenges for Policy Directions, Review and Effective Coordination between Ministries so as to address the country's nutrition challenge.

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Targeted Public Distribution System, Antodaya Anna Yojana, Annapurna Scheme.

(viii) Department of Agriculture and Cooperation has two programmes namely; Increased Food Production, Horticulture Interventions.

(ix) Ministry of Rural Development has two schemes namely, National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme, Swajaldhara.

Violation of court guidelines by schools

2323. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that many schools in the national capital are blatantly violating apex court's guidelines regarding the pre-schooling;

(b) whether Government is also aware about the selling of forms at exorbitant price and also seeking of income proof from parents;

(c) if so, whether Government has taken any action to rectify such activities through concerned authorities and whether any schools have been derecognised so far; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) As informed by the Government of National Capital Territory Delhi, no such complaint has been received by them.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Hunger and malnutrition free life

†2324. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH:
SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the plight of that population of the country, which is forced to live a life of hunger and malnutrition;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to provide a right to live a life free from malnutrition to the citizens of the country; and

(c) if so, by when and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir. The problem of malnutrition in the country among children is considerable, as per National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-III conducted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in the year 2005-06, 42.5% children under 5 years of age are under-weight and Chronic Energy Deficiency among women is 35.6% and men is 34.2% of age 15-49.

(b) and (c) Malnutrition is a multifaceted problem and to reduce the level of malnutrition in the country, Government has framed policies and implemented number of schemes through various Ministries, which directly and indirectly strive to reduce malnutrition. A list of the schemes implemented by different Ministries is given in the Statement.

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